

**BOROUGH OF MIDDLESEX
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 9, 2016**

MAYOR'S STATEMENT: Under the provisions of N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et seq., notice of the time and place of this meeting was given by way of the Annual Meeting Notice of January 2, 2015 and was forwarded to the Star Ledger, Courier News and Home News, and posted at Borough Hall.

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

ROLL CALL

Mayor	Ron DiMura
Council President	Sean Kaplan
	Stephen Greco
	Patrick Corley
	John Madden
	Bob Schueler
	Jack Mikolajczyk

Attorney:	Aravind Aithal
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APPOINTMENTS-NONE

PROCLAMATIONS-NONE

PRESENTATIONS-NONE

PUBLIC HEARING-NONE

NEW BUSINESS

The Borough Clerk read Ordinance No. 1885-16 by title for introduction.

BOROUGH OF MIDDLESEX

ORDINANCE NO. 1885-16

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF MIDDLESEX, COUNTY
OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY, TO ESTABLISH AND ADD CHAPTER 104,**

PUBLIC PARKS AND FIELDS COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, Article V, § 6-27 permits the Mayor to establish such other committees as may be necessary in the interests of the Borough;

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the Borough upon due consideration believes it to be in the best interests of the residents of the Borough to preserve, manage and upkeep its public parks and fields;

NOW, THEREFORE, an Advisory Committee shall be formed to advise and inform the Governing Body of the Borough of the status and conditions of its public parks and fields;

§ 104-1 Advisory Committee.

The Committee shall be comprised of seven members who must be residents of the Borough, appointed for 5 year terms by the Mayor and a council liaison, all who shall serve without compensation. The members shall choose from its members one individual to serve as Chairman and another to serve as Secretary, who shall both serve for a period of one year or the first calendar meeting of any year, whichever shall occur first.

§ 104-2 Duties.

The Committee shall inventory all public parks and fields within the Borough and shall, from time to time, make visual inspections of such parks and fields to determine the condition thereof. On an annual basis, but no later than the last scheduled meeting of any calendar year, the Committee shall prepare a report of the condition of all public parks and fields and a recommendation to the Governing Body what actions and improvements to undertake upon such parks and fields which may benefit or be for the public good. The Governing Body may, but is not bound to act upon any such recommendations. The Governing Body may, from time to time, ask the Committee to undertake specific actions or inquiry concerning any or all public parks and fields.

This Ordinance shall take effect upon final adoption and publication as required by law.

Councilman Schueler a motion for introduction seconded by Councilman Madden and carried by the following roll call vote: Ayes: Greco, Kaplan, Corley, Madden, Schueler and Mikolajczyk. No: None. Abstain: None.

The Borough Clerk read Ordinance No. 1886-16 by title for introduction.

BOROUGH OF MIDDLESEX

ORDINANCE NO. 1886-16

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF MIDDLESEX, COUNTY
OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY, CHAPTER 26,
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MIDDLESEX THAT:

Subsection 26-2 shall be amended as follows:

- A. The Committee so created shall consist of four citizen members and five business owner representatives of the Borough.
- B. The Mayor, or his/her designee, who shall be a member of Council (nonvoting) shall be annually designed at the Reorganization Meeting of the Borough by the Borough Council or as soon thereafter as practical.

Subsection 26-5 shall be amended as follows:

A majority of the members (five of nine) shall constitute a quorum of the Committee.

This ordinance shall take effect upon final adoption and publication as required by law.

Councilman Madden a motion for introduction seconded by Councilman Schueler and carried by the following roll call vote: Ayes: Greco, Kaplan, Corley, Madden, Schueler and Mikolajczyk. No: None. Abstain: None.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Councilman Kaplan made a motion to approve the December 22, 2015 Regular Meeting Minutes seconded by Councilman Schueler and carried by the following roll call vote: Ayes: Greco, Kaplan, Madden, Schueler and Mikolajczyk. Nos: None. Abstain: Corley.

Councilman Schueler made a motion to approve the January 1, 2016 Reorganization Meeting Minutes seconded by Councilman Madden and carried by the following roll call vote: Ayes: Greco, Kaplan, Corley, Madden, Schueler and Mikolajczyk. Nos: None. Abstain: None.

Councilman Mikolajczyk made a motion to approve the January 26, 2016 Regular Meeting Minutes seconded by Councilman Madden and carried by the following roll call vote: Ayes: Corley, Madden, Schueler and Mikolajczyk. Nos: None. Abstain: Greco & Kaplan.

REPORTS – STANDING COMMITTEES:

1. Finance/Taxation/Real Estate/Construction Official/Insurance

- A. Councilman Schueler acknowledged the people that came out for the budget meeting on Saturday. Councilman Schueler reported that progress was made and

we are moving forward. The Finance Committee will now be meeting to make the appropriate cuts. The Committee anticipates introducing the budget at the February 23, 2016 Regular Meeting.

- B. Councilman Schueler attended the Planning Board Meeting and they have asked him to bring back to the Council the issue about applications that come before the Board where they are looking to improve locations that do not have curb and gutters along the four sides. They would like to know if the council has any recommendations to give the Planning Board about opportunities in the form of contributions to a fund to finance future curb and gutters. Attorney Aithal indicated that the governing body can advise the planning board and zoning board that when these applications are brought before the board that they may need a "Developer's Agreement". This will be sent to the Administrative Committee to review for changes to the ordinance and return to the council by the March 8 meeting.
- C. Councilman Schueler reported that in the last Planning Board meeting it was discussed that there was a potential permit application for housing in a flood hazard area. The location of this potential permit application is at the corner of Raritan Avenue and Lincoln Boulevard, where the borough has already had 7 – 8 homes demolished. The Borough Attorney indicated that if this request is located within the Borough, approval of the Planning Board or Zoning Board will be needed. The Attorney recommended that the Council wait until an application is filed with the Planning Board and then the Council can direct Attorney Aithal to appear on behalf of the governing body to object to this application, if that is there recommendation.

2. Recreation/Recreation Fields/Water & Light

- A. Councilman Madden reported that the Recreation Director informed him that the "Buddy Ball" cheerleaders will be cheering tomorrow at half time at the Middlesex High School Basketball Game.

3. Fire/OEM/Board of Health/Rescue Squad/Flood

- A. Councilman Kaplan reported that the Board of Health has requested that Chapter 383 of the Borough Code be amended to prohibit tobacco sales to minors and require proof of age. Council discussed the impact of this change and Mayor DiMura recommended that the Board of Health look into some type of educational program to start educating the children at an early age that smoking is bad and work along with the schools about the harm it causes. A consensus of council was taken to have the Board of Health look into educational programs, rather than amend the ordinance.

- B. Councilman Kaplan reported that the borough has purchased a new blackberry server and once the new phones are distributed, the old server will be decommissioned, making our technology up to date.
- C. Councilman Kaplan made a motion to approve Bob Soper as a qualified driver of Truck 24 seconded by Councilman Madden and carried by a unanimous vote of Council.
- D. Councilman Kaplan made a motion to approve Andy Castaldo, Jr., Barbara Benson, Tony Sasso, Vic Capolunghi, Jim Rinker, Jim Green, Dave Bird, Mike Macher and Lee Poandl as qualified drivers of FP1, FP2 and FP3 seconded by Councilman Mikolajczyk and carried by a unanimous vote of Council.

4. Public Works/Parks/Sanitation/Recycling

- A. Councilman Corley tabled approval of the January, 2016 DPW Report.

5. Police/Legal/Code Enforcement/Construction/Municipal Court

- A. Councilman Mikolajczyk reported that they held a councilmatic meeting with the Police Chief to discuss plans for the next year. Also, Councilman Mikolajczyk will be meeting with the Code Enforcer/Zoning Officer soon.

6. Administration/Department of Senior Services/Legislation/Licensing

- A. Councilman Greco reported that the Dog & Cat Licensing can now be downloaded from the website and apply online. For the 2017 licensing term we are expecting to be able to pay online. Many of the licensees have expressed interest but there will have to be a \$1-\$2 convenience fee to cover the cost. In the next few months all licensing forms will have the option to fill in online.
- B. Councilman Greco indicated that the last of the Borough's minutes are being scanned. In the near future, the Clerk will have all Borough's minutes and ordinances available on the Borough's website.
- C. Councilman Greco reported that on January 11 there was a great presentation from the Director of Curriculum and all principals on the PARCC tests, the results and the next steps.
- D. Elks Youth Week – Begins March 7 and includes: 3/8 - shadow Council, 3/22 - Run the Council Meeting, 3/23 – shadow administrators and Borough Staff, 3/23 Elks Luncheon at noon – Middlesex Elks Club
- E. Councilman Greco stated that tomorrow is the Valentine's Day Dance for the Senior Citizens with DJ Mel at 11:30, which includes a boxed lunches from Boulevard Deli.

- F. Councilman Greco reported that Income Tax Preparation sponsored by AARP and VITA began on 2/2 thru 4/14, on Tuesdays and Thursdays. An appointment is required, so please call 732-356-0414 and remember you must bring your social security card.

REPORTS

Mayor

1. Ethics Board – Mayor DiMura would like to re-establish this board, as when an ethics complaint is sent to the state it takes a long time to act on it. Attorney Aithal was informed today that the ethics complaint against the former mayor has been dropped by the Board. Attorney Aithal spoke to Finance Board about the necessary steps to recreate the board and there are no set guidelines or set rules for this board. The Local Finance Board indicated that a letter should be sent to them and request what steps are needed to re-establish this board, as they may require the Borough to readopt the ordinance that forms the board. Attorney will address the Finance Board regarding this matter. Mayor DiMura also asked the governing body to send any prospective members to the Mayor.
2. Special Sewer Meeting – Mayor DiMura has scheduled a Special Sewer Meeting for February 18, 2016 at 7pm to discuss the sewer ordinance and financial/improvement plan.
3. Social Media Specialist – Mayor DiMura indicated that the borough needs to improve how we communicate with our residents on facebook, twitter and the website and would like to hire a firm to deal with social media. Mayor DiMura referred this matter to the Administration Committee to review and report back to the council at the March 22, 2016 Regular Meeting
4. Mountainview Park Improvements – In 2013 council discussed a 3 phase project to improve Mountainview Park that has sat dormant. Mayor DiMura gave Council estimates for these improvements and is looking for permission from the Council to reach out to the freeholders to see if we can get a grant, and also if we can do test pits to see if a turf field is feasible in Mountainview Park. Also, we will need a commitment from the Board of Education. The cost of the testing of the pits would be approximately \$3,000 - \$5,000 with the DPW doing the work. Councilman Mikolajczyk's concern was whether there were any potential environmental issues and that even with a matching grant the cost of the project should be substantive. He is in favor of having the sewer issue resolved first. Mayor DiMura indicated that we need to see if it is feasible to put a turf field in the park, but also he is in favor of resolving the sewer issue first. Councilman Schueler made a motion to move forward with the testing of the pits for approximately

\$3,000 - \$5,000 dollars and approach the freeholders for a grant seconded by Councilman Greco and carried by a unanimous vote of council.

5. Business Administrator – Mayor DiMura mentioned that the council has received all applications for Business Administrator and would like council to send their top 3 candidates to the Borough Clerk by February 23, so that interviews can be scheduled.

The Borough Clerk read the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Middlesex that:

Consent Agenda 2016(B)

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Middlesex has reviewed the Consent Agenda consisting of various proposed resolutions; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Middlesex wish to remove Resolution #33-16 and Resolution #37-16 from this Consent Agenda.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Middlesex, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey that the following resolutions on the Consent Agenda are hereby approved and adopted.

Resolution #27-16 – Resolution #28-16
Resolution #31-16 – Resolution #32-16
Resolution #34-16 – Resolution #36-16
Resolution #38-16 – Resolution #39-16

Councilman Kaplan a motion for approval seconded by Councilman Mikolajczyk and carried by the following roll call vote: Ayes: Greco, Kaplan, Corley, Madden, Schueler and Mikolajczyk. No: None. Abstain: None.

The Borough Clerk read the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Middlesex that:

Resolution #27-16

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING STATE CONTRACT
PURCHASE OF BARRACUDA ENERGIZE UPDATES FOR BACKUP UNITS FOR THE
POLICE DEPARTMENT**

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the Borough of Middlesex wishes to purchase Barracuda Energize Updates for backup units for the Police Department from an authorized vendor under the State of New Jersey Cooperative Purchasing Program; and

WHEREAS, the purchase of goods and services by local contracting units is authorized by the Local Contracts Law, 40A:11-12; and

WHEREAS, SHI International Corp is under State Contract No. NJ Barracuda WSCA AR069, participating addendum 88792 for the year 2016; and

WHEREAS, the cost for the purchase of Barracuda Energize Updates is \$3,862.32; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Borough Council that the purchase of Barracuda Energize Updates is ordered under State Contract No. NJ Barracuda WSCA AR069, participating addendum 88792 be and is hereby approved.

The Treasurer hereby certifies that the funds in the amount of \$3,862.32 are available in Account No. 01-2010-20-1401-062.

The Borough Clerk read the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Middlesex that:

Resolution #28-16

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING STATE CONTRACT PURCHASE OF
BARRACUDA INSTANT REPLACEMENT FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT BACKUP
SYSTEM**

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the Borough of Middlesex wishes to purchase Barracuda Instant Replacement for the Police Department backup system from an authorized vendor under the State of New Jersey Cooperative Purchasing Program; and

WHEREAS, the purchase of goods and services by local contracting units is authorized by the Local Contracts Law, 40A:11-12; and

WHEREAS, SHI International Corp is under State Contract No. NJ Barracuda WSCA AR069, participating addendum 88792 for the year 2016; and

WHEREAS, the cost for the purchase of the Barracuda Instant Replacement is \$4,702.32; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Borough Council that the purchase of Barracuda Instant Replacement is ordered under State Contract No. NJ Barracuda WSCA AR069, participating addendum 88792 be and is hereby approved.

The Treasurer hereby certifies that the funds in the amount of \$4,702.32 are available in Account No. 01-2010-20-1401-062.

The Borough Clerk read the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Middlesex that:

Resolution #31-16

The Tax Collector is hereby authorized to issue a check in the amount of \$399,388.85 to redeem tax sale certificate #2015-1842 and tax sale premium in the amount of \$600,000, Block 5, Lot 12, Warrentville Road. The check is to be made payable to:

US Bank c/f Tower DBW V 2015-1
50 South 16th Street – Suite 2050
Philadelphia, PA 19102

The Borough Clerk read the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Middlesex that:

Resolution #32-16

The Mayor and Council hereby accept Angelo Rossi's retirement as Plumbing Inspector effective December 31, 2015.

The Borough Clerk read the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Middlesex that:

Resolution #34-16

At the recommendation of the DPW Supervisor, the governing body hereby approves Ron Safar as driver in the DPW effective February 10, 2016 at an hourly rate of \$34.76/hour. .

The Borough Clerk read the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Middlesex that:

Resolution #35-16

The Tax Collector is hereby authorized to issue a check in the amount of \$10,208.44 to redeem tax sale certificate #2015-1846 and tax sale premium in the amount of \$18,100, Block 187, Lot 15, 329 Harris Avenue. The check is to be made payable to:

US Bank Cust for BV001 Trust
50 South 16th Street – Suite 2050
Philadelphia, PA 19102

The Borough Clerk read the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Middlesex that:

Resolution #36-16

The Tax Collector is hereby authorized to refund 1st quarter 2016 taxes in the amount of \$940.93 and cancel 2nd quarter 2016 taxes in the amount of \$940.93 on block 52, lot 23, 307 Second Street. The homeowner has been declared a 100% disabled veteran by the Division of Veterans Affairs. The check is to be made payable to:

Wells Fargo Real Estate Tax Services
Attn: Financial Support
1 Home Campus
MAC F2302-035
Des Moines, IA 50328

The Borough Clerk read the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Middlesex that:

Resolution #38-16

The application for a 2016 Amusement Machine Licenses, Pool Tables and Music Licenses, filed by the following establishments, which have been approved by the Chief of Police, be accepted, and the Borough Clerk is hereby authorized to issue the licenses upon receipt of the fees.

End Zone Lounge	(2) Pool Table	\$300.00
425 Bound Brook Rd.	(1) Amusement Machine	\$150.00
	(1) Music Machine	\$100.00
Ellery's Grill	(4) Amusement Machines	\$600.00
701 Lincoln Boulevard	(1) Music Machine	\$100.00
Ferraro's Pizzeria & Pub	(1) Music Machine	\$100.00
275 Lincoln Boulevard		
American Legion	(2) Amusement Machines	\$300.00
707 Legion Place	(1) Music Machine	\$100.00
Tim Kerwin's Tavern	(5) Amusement Machines	\$750.00
353 Bound Brook Rd.	(1) Music Machine	\$100.00

TOTAL \$2600.00

The Borough Clerk read the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Middlesex that:

Resolution #39-16

The Construction Office is hereby authorized to waive the permit fees for Our Lady of Mt. Virgin Church for the replacement of all exterior doors at 600 Harris Avenue.

The Borough Clerk read the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Middlesex that:

Resolution #33-16

WHEREAS, Chapter 254 of the Code of the Borough of Middlesex created the position of Private Property Maintenance Landscaping in the Borough of Middlesex; and

WHEREAS, the Zoning Officer has requested Basic Landscaping Services from any person who wishes to engage in business as a landscaper in the borough and to provide landscaping maintenance on private property in the borough; and

WHEREAS, the following two applicants have met all the qualifications for this position:

Mario's Landscaping, LLC
Amalio Armenti
174 Mountain Avenue
Warren, NJ 07059

Superior Lawn Maintenance &
Landscaping
Stephen P. Kwiecien
P.O. Box 7
Martinsville, NJ 08836

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the borough of Middlesex, County of Middlesex and State of New Jersey that:

1. The Governing Body hereby approves the above two applicants, as recommended by the Zoning Officer, to provide basic landscaping services on private property in the borough.
2. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Councilman Madden stated that the insurance cards for Superior Lawn Maintenance & Landscaping submitted with their application have expired and the Zoning Officer must be sure to have them supply a current policy.

Councilman Kaplan made a motion for approval seconded by Councilman Mikolajczyk and carried by the following roll call vote: Ayes: Greco, Kaplan, Corley, Madden, Schueler and Mikolajczyk. No: None. Abstain: None.

The Borough Clerk read the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Middlesex that:

Resolution #37-16

The application for renewal of Junkyard Licenses for the year 2016 filed by Importico Salvage Corp., Absolute Auto-truck Salvage and Falgi, Inc. has been approved by the Police Department, Fire Official and Board of Health be accepted and the Borough Clerk is hereby authorized to issue the license in consideration of the fees which have been paid.

Councilman Schueler made a motion for approval seconded by Councilman Madden and carried by the following roll call vote: Ayes: Greco, Kaplan, Corley, Madden, Schueler and Mikolajczyk. No: None. Abstain: None.

The Borough Clerk read the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Middlesex that:

Resolution #40-16

THE DISBURSING OFFICERS BE AND THEY ARE HEREBY AUTHORIZED TO PAY THE ATTACHED CLAIM LIST AS PRESENTED, IF FOUND CORRECT, AND APPROVED BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE. EXCLUDED VOUCHERS MAY BE PAID UPON BEING FOUND ACCEPTABLE.

Councilman Greco made a motion for approval seconded by Councilman Madden and carried by the following roll call vote: Ayes: Greco, Kaplan, Corley, Madden, Schueler and Mikolajczyk. No: None. Abstain: None.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mayor DiMura opened the Public Portion of the meeting for any comments.

Ann Marie Zenone, 357 Union Avenue mentioned that she sent two e-mails to the mayor and did not receive a response until her second request on February 3. She was representing the residents on her street and she has lived on Union Avenue for 17 years and gone through three snow blowers because of the plowing that is done by the DOT and the garbage, snow and gravel that gets plowed onto her sidewalks. She got 40 inches of snow on her sidewalk and did hire a landscaper, but she had to wait until they came. On Monday afternoon she got a knock on her door from the Police Department and they said that they needed to enforce that the front sidewalks are cleaned and they handed her a paper to say that she could be issued a summons

if they were not cleared by Tuesday morning. She is upset and wants to work with the council to change the time period in the ordinance and increase it to 48 hours to clear the sidewalk. Ms. Zenone also stated that she would like it posted on the website if additional time is given to clear the sidewalks.

Mayor DiMura apologized to Ms. Zenone, but indicated that he did call, but did not leave a message. He stated that when Ms. Zenone reached out the second time, he responded but was told that she was going to come to the meeting. Mayor DiMura indicated that it is the responsibility of the homeowner to keep their sidewalks clean. The Mayor understood that this was an overwhelming storm, but the storm ended Saturday at midnight and although the Police came on midday on Monday to hand out warnings we also gave Wednesday and all day Thursday before any summons were issued. Mayor DiMura indicated that he understands Ms. Zenone's feelings, but there is a safety issue. Ms. Zenone indicated that she received a warning, but not a summons, as her sidewalk was cleaned by midday on Tuesday.

June Nielson, 363 Union Avenue is also concerned that she couldn't remove the snow because she is disabled and only saw 2 people walking on the sidewalk for the bus stop. She also questioned why the DPW shoveled the corners.

Mayor DiMura indicated the DPW does the corners because it is a safety issue for sight triangle. Ms. Zenone wanted the Council to consider changing the amount of time to clean up the snow to 48 hours. The Mayor indicated that this matter would be put on the next Agenda for discussion.

Tom Harrity, 107 Ramsey Road as President of the Board of Health discussed raising the age for the purchase of tobacco. He stated that fifteen municipalities have raised the age to sell cigarettes to age 21. He feels that if we were to adopt an ordinance we would be at the forefront of a movement to do this. In 2015 the NIH said that 90% of children smoking by the age of 21 have started earlier and children are now smoking in the middle schools. He also mentioned that CVS released their earnings report and stopping the sale of tobacco had no impact, as the 18 – 21 year olds only account for 2% of the total business. Mr. Harrity feels the Board of Health will not appreciate when Councilman Kaplan brings this information back, as the reason the Board of Health is interested in doing this amendment to the ordinance is to look out for the health of our children.

DISCUSSION ON AGENDA WORKSHOP ITEMS

1. Extending Police Clerk – Police Chief's Administrative Assistant has had surgery and is requesting to take an additional 6 weeks off, due to complications. Council approved extending the current temporary clerk an additional 8 weeks to cover for the Administrative Assistant.
2. Swim Pool Bond Payment – Councilman Madden and Mayor DiMura met with the Swim Pool Commission regarding their concern about making the annual payment on the debt service for their project. They were under the impression that the debt service payment

was payable over 15 – 20 years, and the adopted bond has a 10 year payout. There is a current scheduled annual payment of approximately \$130,000 per year from the debt service. Options were discussed for this payout and a majority of council approved Option #1 which is a payment was \$78,528/year with a 20 year payout (annual reduction of \$52,709.77). The auditor confirmed that there is not a problem by changing the payment over a longer period of time. There was a consensus to put a resolution on the next meeting.

3. Safe Routes to School – RBA Group – Mayor DiMura mentioned that for this grant the DOT requires the borough to select a designer, who is not the engineer. The DOT provided 4 prequalified engineering firms to design the project and the borough engineer recommended the RBA Group, as they are familiar with NJ and the Safe Routes process. This will require a resolution of council, and all cost associated with this designer will be taken out of the grant funds. Consensus of council was to appoint the RBA Group by resolution at the next meeting.
4. Victor Crowell Park – Dam Repair Study was discussed. This historic architectural study proposal required by the NJDEP to issue wetlands permitting has never been authorized and has been around since Hurricane Irene. There are funds available to do what is needed and the cost to do this work is \$3,600 which will come from FEMA. A Consensus of Council was taken to approve this proposal at the February 23, 2016 Regular Meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mayor DiMura opened the Public Portion of the meeting for any comments on Agenda Workshop Items. Seeing that there was no public participation, Mayor DiMura closed the public portion of the meeting on the Agenda Workshop Items.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilman Schueler made a motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting seconded by Councilman Greco and carried by a unanimous vote of members present.

Respectfully yours,

Kathleen Anello, RMC
Borough Clerk